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BILLINGS – Lonny Bagley will be the Bureau of Land Management's new North Dakota Field Office manager.

The 47-year-old Bagley is a native North Dakotan and a veteran of 20 years of federal service with the BLM. Prior to his selection to the Dickinson post, Bagley had been stationed in Billings since 1993 as a fluid mineral inspection and enforcement specialist, a position with oversight responsibility for 31 BLM offices nationwide. He also served on a team that assisted the Hungarian government in developing an oil and gas program in 1993. His BLM service began in 1984 as an oil and gas inspector in North Dakota following an extensive career in the oil and gas industry that included jobs ranging from roustabout to field superintendent.

"Lonny's background and experience are a great match for BLM in North Dakota," said BLM State Director, Marty Ott. "He understands the issues, and as a native son, he has an appreciation for the North Dakota lifestyle."

Bagley grew up on a ranch in Bowman County. He and his wife, Lori, have two children.

He will begin his work in Dickinson in January, replacing Doug Burger who is transferring to a similar position in New Mexico.